



Special Drives

Private vehicles will be permitted to drive the Service Road from **noon to 3:30 pm** from **November 24 to November 27**.

Bicycles are not permitted on the Service Road. To ensure that you have plenty of time to enjoy the sights and sounds of waterfowl in the northern portion of the refuge, please enter the Service Road by 2:00 pm. For visitor safety and to lessen wildlife disturbance, visitors must stay in their vehicle at all times.

Additionally, and for the entire nine days of Waterfowl Week, Wildlife Loop will be open to vehicular traffic from 9:00 am to dusk.

Vehicles must be off the Service Road by 3:30 pm.

Over A Hundred Years of Waterfowl Conservation

March 14, 2003, marked the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. In 1903, the system was started by President Theodore Roosevelt when he set aside Pelican Island, along the Florida Coast, as a safe haven for birds.

As diverse as the nation itself, the 95 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

People with disabilities and any other person who need special assistance to participate in any of these programs should contact the Refuge Manager at 757-336-6122, or the Federal Relay Number 1-800-877-8339.

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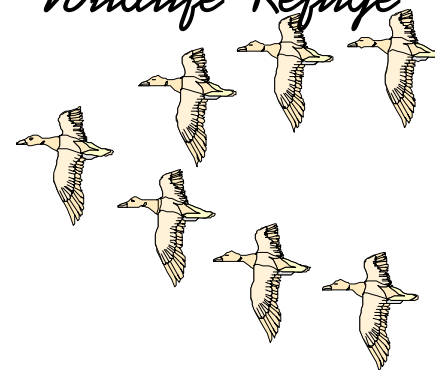


Waterfowl Week

Schedule of Events

Saturday, November 19
through
Sunday, November 27

*Chincoteague National
Wildlife Refuge*



Guided Walks

Saturday, November 19

Feathered Whatsits

Meet at the Bird Walk Sign Along Beach Road
8:30 am - 9:30 am

Bird Banding Demonstration

Meet at Woodland Trail Parking Lot
9:30 am - noon

Sunday, November 20

Woodland Wonders

Meet at the Woodland Trail Parking Lot
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



Friday, November 25

Island Nightlife

Meet at Wildlife Loop Parking Lot
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 26

Marsh Marvels

Meet at the Wildlife Loop Parking Lot
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Sunday, November 27

Feathered Whatsits

Meet at the Bird Walk Sign Along Beach Road
8:30 am - 9:30 am

Program Descriptions

Bird Banding Demonstration

Local birding expert, Richard Roberts, will demonstrate the bird banding process as well as the valuable information that banding has revealed.

Feathered Whatsits

A walk for birders of all ages, from the beginner to the more experienced. Learn to identify and gain insight into the behavior of the feathered island residents as you stroll along Beach Road. A perfect way to celebrate waterfowl migration!

Island Nightlife

Don't let the night bug you! Discover the fascinating world after dark. The island nightlife awaits you.

Marsh Marvels

Wetlands are not wastelands, but some of nature's most productive ecosystems. Join refuge staff as they explore the functions and importance of wetlands.

Woodland Wonders

Learn more about the forest habitat of Assateague Island and why its unique characteristics are so special to the wildlife that call it home. The walk ends at the overlook where there may be a chance to glimpse the famous Chincoteague Ponies.

Herbert H. Bateman Educational And Administrative Center Open Daily 9 am - 4 pm

View the interactive exhibits and pick up special
Waterfowl Week give-aways

Monday, November 21

Back Deck program

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Join in a fun, fact-filled interactive program on wildlife and technology

Tuesday, November 22

Wildlife Art Exhibit

1:00 pm until ?

Artist Barbara Schmitz will share tips and techniques on capturing the beauty of nature.

Friday, November 25

Natural Wonders

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Hey Kids! Fly into the Noah William's Classroom for a half-hour hands-on exploration of the marvel of migration.

Decoy Carving Demonstration

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Renown local carver Reggie Birch will transform a block of wood into a piece of art while sharing local lore and legends.

Saturday, November 26

Wildlife Art Exhibit

11:00 am - Noon

Artist Jenny Somers will share tips and techniques on capturing the beauty of nature.

Photography Workshop

3:00 pm - Dark

Join Joshua Taylor of Archiphot Workshops for a hour lecture followed by a field workshop. Registration is required for the field session.

Sunday, November 27

Migration Mystery

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Explore the mysteries of migration.